

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Additionally, Sinclair's airing of "stolen honor" is clearly a violation of their trust to use the public airwaves for the public good. In requiring their stations to air a clearly partisan production, reportedly without commercial interruption, they are essentially providing a free campaign commercial to one candidate for the presidential election. I strongly urge you to take action against Sinclair for what is arguably a violation of their license.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.